

CITY ITEMS.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO-DAY.—A regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held to-day, when three interesting reports will be presented: one on the Reciprocity Treaty with Canada, which it is understood, favors a renewal of the treaty, with modifications; another on the communication of the merchants of Bahia respecting the seizure of the Floridas; and the other on the letter of Mayor Gunther designed to discourage immigration.

EMBARKATION OF MISSIONARIES.—The Rev. J. V. N. Tamayo, wife and others will embark this morning for Amoy, China. The tug-boat will leave New-Haven Docks, Peck Slip, East River, at ten o'clock.

THE SAVANNAH COTTON TO COME TO NEW-YORK.—Collector Draper, having been appointed Government cotton agent, left the city yesterday for Port Royal, in the Grenada, to examine the cotton recently captured in Savannah, and superintend its shipment to New-York, for sale, as has been ordered. He will take testimony in regard to its ownership, but questions of this nature are not to be determined until after the sale. It is thought that the Port of Savannah, soon after the cotton has been shipped, will be formally declared open to commerce, and considerable excitement exists among our merchants upon the subject. Mr. Draper was appointed cotton agent more than two months ago, when he filed the necessary bonds to the amount of \$200,000. He is accompanied on his Southern mission by a number of clerks, and several gentlemen acquainted with the cotton business, and expects to be absent about fifteen days.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.—About three inches of snow fell on Tuesday night, and this, with that which was already on the ground, furnished excellent sleighing yesterday, although the temperature of the atmosphere was considerably abated from the crispness of the few preceding days, with a clear, sunny sky. A large number of sleighs were out, both in the city and in the suburbs, where the roads were in especially good condition. From the present state of the atmosphere, it is possible that we shall have more snow soon, with a continuance of good sleighing.

THE HOUSTON-ST. MCFEEDER-CORONER'S INQUIRY.—Coroner Collin yesterday, at the Fourteenth Precinct Station-house, held an inquest on the body of Harry Lazarus, who was stabbed in the neck and almost instantly killed by Barney Friery, while in his own saloon, No. 14 East Houston-st., on Tuesday morning last. The particulars of the murder and the arrest of the persons implicated have been published in full. The following evidence was elicited:

Henry Connell testified that he was barkeeper for the deceased, on the morning in question between three and four o'clock; the deceased was talking about going home; P. McFederer, his companion, was accounted for by four or five others. I did not know those with him except one called "California Jack"; when they came in the deceased started back as though surprised; California Jack said "I'll bet a hundred dollars I've got a man here that can whip any man in the place"; he then asked Friery what was his weight; I did not hear the reply; they then called for cigars; while I was serving them, Friery again asked me for a cigar; I told him no, and then asked him to stop; Friery then advanced to deceased and wanted to shake hands; deceased declined. Friery then stepped back to the bar, and resting on it applied to the deceased an unprobrious epithet; deceased had his right hand bound up in some handkerchiefs he pulled one of the handkerchiefs off, and walking up to Friery said "I'll go to Clark's again and requested him to stop the row; he again went to Friery and requested to stop him; some one then called for a cigar; I heard Friery say to deceased "You are a nice little man," as I turned back, fracturing the bar, I saw Friery drawing a knife out of deceased's neck, under his ear, and drove it back a second time; everybody then ran out; deceased staggered over to the tablet; I sighted him, and taking a towel from the bar bound it around his neck; while doing this Friery, who was the last to leave, said as he reached the door "You are a good State man, Harry, but I think you're dead"; Friery then tried to walk across the door; I held him up until he fainted; and his hands dropped to the floor; I then saw he was dead, and laid him on the floor; I then ran out to Broadway, and met Christopher Richards coming back with a policeman; as I stepped on the street I saw a salient standing in front of Friery's saloon (adjoining where the murder was committed); several persons jumped in it and drove off. I then went back, took the personal effects of deceased, and handed them to a policeman.

Several others who witnessed the occurrence corroborated the statement of the witness.

John McFederer, officer attached to the 23d Precinct, testified that he, with the other officers of the precinct, was satisfied that a murder had been committed in Houston-st. by Barney Friery, while crossing Ninety-first-st., the afternoon following the murder, he saw Friery, McDonald and Clark coming from the Fourth-ave, on foot. I let the car and saw them go into the Four-Mile House, corner of Third-ave, and Forty-ninth-st., in a few minutes the car stopped and got on the road, and was driving up when it reached the rear of the Four-Mile House, on the front platform, in a few moments I saw Officer Proctor running down on a car; I beckoned to him and he got on the platform with me; at One-hundred-and-seventeenth, the party got off and entered a saloon between One-hundred-and-seventeenth and One-hundred-and-eighteenth-sts.; officer Mould, of the 12th Precinct then came up, and we followed them into the place; I was in citizen's dress; Friery recognized me, and asked me to drink, and we then arrested the party and took them to the station.

The principal witnesses were committed to the House of Detention. The deceased was a native of England, aged 26 years.

STREET ROBBERY.—Peter Valentine was yesterday committed by Justice Lewish, charged with having on Tuesday night last, at the corner of Twenty-ninth st. and Second-ave, beat Morgan L. Harris Jr., and robbed him of \$200 in Treasury notes.

(Advertisement.)

Speaking of HOLIDAY GIFTS. The Tribune of the 23d inst. says: "A Morton gold pen is a property in itself, and forms very appropriate and useful Christmas presents to all who write for profit or pleasure."

(Advertisement.)

In proof that ERISTIC FITS can be cured, read the article in this day's issue (Thursday, January 5) of Henry Ward Beecher's paper, the *Independent*, and be convinced.

(Advertisement.)

WINDOW SHADES. For Skylights, for Stoves, for Dwelling, Manufactured by G. L. & J. R. KELLY, No. 23 Broadway.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—Jan. 4.—Before Judge SHAPIRO.

ARMANDUS. United States Act 2d, 1864. Thomas Brown.—The accused was indicted for receiving, converted, and pawned his goods, and paid not for his services. The record was set down for Wednesday next.

Sam'l. Thomas Cummings.—The accused was indicted for having in his possession blank-junction currency notes. He pleaded not guilty, and his trial was set down for Tuesday.

Sam'l. Prince Bailey (defender).—The accused was indicted for stealing Government property, and pleading not guilty, his trial was set down for Tuesday.

Sam'l. act. Laughlin Brown.—The recognizance entered by the accused was forfeited by order of the Court, the principal and surty having been duly called.

PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATE INJUNCTION—SEWING.

At the opening of the Court Albert Hensler was brought in by the Marshal, and on motion of George Gifford, the counsel for the proprietors of the sewing machine patent, was sentenced for violating an injunction granted by this Court. The judgment sentence Hensler to 30 days imprisonment, and to pay a fine of \$1,000, the imprisonment to commence.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Dec. TERM.

Before Judge HENRY.

DECISIONS ON PRIZE.

The United States act. the steamer Emma Mayne was set afloat, the steamer Virgo; same act. the steamer Armada. Decrees of condemnation and forfeiture of vessel and cargo. Same act. the steamer Albatross, and cargo.

Decrees of condemnation to take forfeiture, and re-

port upon the claims of the officers and crew of the United States vessel of war Alabama, to participate in the proceeds of the steamer Anna, condemned as prize.

The United States agt. the schooner Mary.—Motion to render to Confederate bonds from captured vessel. Denied without cause, unless the plaintiff renew his complaint before the date of trial, and pay costs of term. Charles B. Hart agt. George Chapman, T. C. Dwight agt. Joseph B. Doubting, John Tuck agt. George Chapman, E. D. Parme agt. James C. Gossage, and George Chapman.—Motion denied.

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Ferdinand Agt. Dr. David W. Haynes.—Motion granted.

Before Justice LEIGHAN.

Stephen Duffy, Art. Shipping Duncan; W. C. Potter agt. Hoses Dunn, Esq. Captain Field, et al.; Jacob West agt. Peter Harmer, William C. Austin, Capt. Elizabeth Rose, H. H. Hart agt. George Chapman, T. C. Dwight agt. Joseph B. Doubting, John Tuck agt. George Chapman, E. D. Parme agt. James C. Gossage, and George Chapman.—Motion granted.

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